(*c*) Both the Planning Commission and the Government of Madras have been apprised.

(*d*) Yes. The Planning Commission have asked that further steps in regard to the work may be held in abeyance until the project has been examined and consultations have taken place with the Mysore Government in regard to the financing of the project

Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA.—I have no supplementaries.

Construction of a tank across the Kumadvathi near Marasarahalli, Nelamangala Taluk.

Q.—298. Sri K. PRABHAKAR (Nelamangala—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

when they will take up and complete the preliminary survey work of the Marasarahalli Project in Nelamangala Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, near Marasarahalli village across the river Kumadvathy, as per the promises made during the last Session ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

This cannot be taken up as water supply to Bangalore will be affected by the construction of this new tank at Marasarahalli.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—ಈ ಕೆರೆಯನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುವುದರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಯಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ ; ಯಾವರೀತಿ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— 'Water supply to Bangalore will be affected' ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri K. PRABHAKAR.—I want to know how it will be affected.

*ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ನೀರು ಕಡಮೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—1,500 ಎಕರೆ ತರಿ ಆಗುವುದು ಬೇಡ, ಅದರ ಅರ್ಧ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟು ಜಮೀನು ನೀರಾವರಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬಹುದೆಂದು ಇಂಜನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಮೊದಲೇ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—ಅರ್ಧ ಭಾಗದಷ್ಟು capacity ಉಳ್ಳ ಅಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಡಬಹುದೆಂದು ಇಂಜನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ, ಮಾಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಯೋಚನೆಮಾಡಬೇಕು, ಅಷ್ಟೆ.

Policy adopted in accepting tenders for major works in the P. W. D.

Q.—306. Sri B. M. SEENAPPA (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that tenders are indented for major works in the Public Works Department ;

(*b*) what is the policy in accepting tenders ;

(*c*) whether it is true that after acceptance of tenders, the original estimate and plan of the work for which the least tender was accepted undergo changes ; if so, the reasons therefor ;

(*d*) whether there are any such instances where deviations are sanctioned involving excess expenditure to the extent of two or three times the original estimate or tender amount, thus resulting in loss to Government ;

(*e*) why such deviations are allowed ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The lowest valid tender is generally accepted by the Engineer Officers or Government according to the powers delegated in this behalf.

(*c*) This happens, though not always. Deviations from the first approved plan or sanctioned estimate or as common to tendered works as they are to works executed by other systems. These are effected only when necessary, due to the changed needs of the departments for whom the works are executed or for ensuring better construction or greater benefit from the works.